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#### R Band of Boomers.

L. S. Sutton, of Hanna, Wyoming, is at the head of one of the numerous parties of homessekers who have turned saide from the beaten paths, marking the Ute reservation and come to the really, truly promised land, where, to paraphrase the quotation, every pros. pact pleases and not even man is vils.

There are five gentlemen in the party
whose representative Mr. Suiton is
Ail of them are cost miners and they
live in Hanna, Wyoming. A large colony
of miners there has decided to come south and engage in agricultural pursouth and engage in agricultural pur-suits. They have accumulated some money and being of an honest and eacnomical turn would prove valuable citi sens of our county. Mr. Sutton and his companious were attracted by the opening of the reservation and came to S Durango to look up a location for their Wyoming friends in the newly opened lands of the Southern Utes, but they found nothing to their notion suitable for so turps a solony, and came on to this section to investigate.

After visiting Autec and Farmington and the intermediate sections their attention was called to the South Side eanal proposition on the San Juan river near Bloomfield, which offers a rare op portunity for a large colony whose mem [ bers are energetic and willing to work to build up homes. Mr. Sutton and rep resentatives of the company have been in conference and from the former we learn that the scheme strikes him very faborably and he may close the deal The party was in Astec yesterday, returning to Durango, and all were de lighted with the country and impressed with its superiority to the Ute reser valion.

Our friend Klinger of the Silverton Standard is having more fun than the law allows: F'r instance, listen: "It is becoming a 'shestnut' to mention the becoming a 'shestnut' to mention the fact each week that the Hon. J. C. Bow man, of Gladstone, was, or is, in our gity," and not until this week have we sur-mised that the nine-mile ride over rough roads on an ore wagon was made solely for the purpose of having his name in print in these columns. 'Jim' always was vain."

#### Keffer's Compliments.

The Sents Fe New Mexican contains The Sunta Fe New Mexican contains the following article concerning Procounty sa given to a reporter for that

"Charles Keffer, professor of agriculture at the materiars college at one with Park, returned to Santa Fe hat eyeding from an ausp station at Autec. He registered at the Palace and this afternoon left for Me silla Park, Professor Keffer says that the sub-station at Autre is as good sou wition and that after the work for this year has been completed, it will probaly be turned into an experimental fruit station. An immense apple crop can city, but for over twenty five years a res-be expected from that section and other ident of Darango, perhaps knows as much fruitexcept peaches is doing will. There is regard to the Uts reservation as any The Haraid can trubfully assert that is great excitment in the valey at precone in Colorade. Mr. Tower was in the
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of the Ut or board of immigration whose business it is to set forth the advantages of its own particular place, and to induce the surplus of the rush to include the surplus of the rush to include the country the first man to take a wagon load of freight to Baker's park, a w known as it is to set forth the advantages of its own particular place, and to induce the district before the countary that throw no open to settlers. He has seen the country that the morning charged with pedding other particular place, and they will be rewarded.

A man named Rodgers was arrested this morning charged with pedding without a license. The trial comes up to present its antiful aport that it is. He has seen the indians perpetrate their murder seen the indians perpetrate their murder out depredations, and on mure than one deliver contribute for the privilege it in the reservation has already been ap ous depredations, and on more than one prepriated by the ludians and that the secusion has bed to fice for his life. He land which remains for settlement is not as good as the land that was be had locians and been unable to interfere.

But the Indians on the Uterescreation people to follow, for it is evident a person that time, and such a thing as an Indian night's eastern. They looked husky and has no fear for Mr. Tower. iong ago lost the thread of the preacher's argument and have almost forgetten his subject. The sermon which suits such a desultery mind is one of twenty puragraphs, each paragraph as anecdote or an illustration or a station of the surface of the work for settlers in Oklahoma during the rush period. They are all right. Our kind of people. dance of water up till Juna. The high command is one of twenty puragraphs, each paragraph as anecdote or an illustration or a station of the work for settlers in Oklahoma during the rush period. They are all right. Our kind of people. an illustration of a statling idea, so that wherever the hears, joins in he can be instantly at home. Sensible people will take at least \$50,000 to accomplish beartfalt thanks sught, however, to remember that a the water problem. work of severs art are not the same. The crowd will continue to leave, until and if any one is to expound the Gospel only those who are desirous of making of Christ worthily he must reason as he homes for themselves remain. goes and sait his hearers to think. The chain may be of gold, but there ought to be links securely fastened together, and a hearer should try them as they pass to build a ditth at the state line, which through bands. If one does not bruce will be twenty miles long, and will be so constructed us to cover the fruit lands in New Mexico." mon he will almost certainly figish up by complaining either that the preacher was dull or that the discourse was discounected. No sermos is worth hearing into which the prescher has not put his whole strength, and no sermon can be heard aright unless the hearer gives his whole straugth also."

"A. D. Regers, the 'Home Comfort' mule team and took a cargo of excursignists across the river to the rules Sunday. 'Aguinaldo' is all right, all the time.-San Juan County INDES. Glad to hear that 'Agu'unido' flusly reached Asiec. When last heard from after teaving hore he was stuck in the snow somewhere in the vicinity of Chama hill and his thoroughbred mules came back to get a find of oats. Is no on the 'head of the ret' over there!" The fore-going is out of the Chama Tribune. Asswering the loterrogation: Bure Ching, Mr. Trib—in Durango!

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## WATER TO WASTE.

No Trouble About Agua in San Juan County --- The Winning Combination of Soil and Climate.

San Juan county is pre-eminently the country for irrigation, irrigation enterprises and irrigation results. Its water supply is unequalled anywhere in the Southwest, and a larger proportion of it is unused than in any other section of the arid region. In the San Luis vailey in the irrigating season they get sand for building purposes right out of the bed of what would be the Rio Grande, if it were only there; in the Platte valley in the irrigating season they make "dobes" out of the soil from the empty bed of that once mighty stream; and in the Arkansas valley they run their sprinkling carts over the vacant bed of the ancient watercourse to lay the dust and keep the "river" from

These are historical facts. In San Juan county it is different. To quote the words of the Immigration Bureau's folder, "You have to cross San Juan county streams on a bridge or a ferryboat during the irrigating season. They have water in them."

The question of the application of this water to the land is the one that naturally next presents itself to the thoughtful inquirer or to the reservation boomer who is slightly sick of his job. On this point we have the word of the United States government through its irrigation experts, who add their technical opinion to the knowledge every citizen of the county possesses as to the practicability ol the many irrigation enterprises yet unfulfilled in the valleys of those great rivers, the San Juan, Animas and La

The following is from the work, "Agriculture by Irrigation in the Western United States," issued by the department of the interior:

"Probably the best agricultural land in this (San Juan) county is that at present untouched, lying on the mesas back from the river. This is more nearly level and better adapted to cultivation than that now being farmed, but neither the present owners nor the inhabitantsts of the county possess the capital necessary to the extension of their ditches to these lands or to the construction of new canals of sufficient size. This county offers perhaps some of the best opportunities in the entire west for the construction and profitable operation of large irrigating causls or systems of ditches, on account of the abundance of water and of the great extent of arable mesa lands. The Animas river is especially noteworthy for its constant discharge and its large amount of unappropriated water. This stream has a decided fall, and it has also gravelly banks and bed, so that the channel shifts but slightly in times of flood, and there are consequently no great obstacles to be overcome in the construction and maintenance of canal headworks. It is bounded, however, by rocky bluffs, and the construction of canals of any considerable size would involve an outlay of capital probably far in excess of means possessed by the present inhabitants of the county.

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An Old-Timer's Opinion.

In the Denver Times of last Sunday From the Durango Herald. appeared an interview with one of the old timers in the San Juan, who knows what he is talking about. Read it:

But the Indians on the Ute reservation From the Durange Democras.

"The lands at Astec, thirty five miles below Durango, in the territory of New Edward Thomas, Sr. Very respectfully, Mexico, are just as good as those in the

U. S. LARO OFFICE, Durango, Colo., April 4, 1899. tog townships have been surveyed and the plats of said survey will be filed is the plats of said survey will be filed is the fourth day of May 1899, at twelve o'shock noon on said fourth day of May.

1899, the regular and fourth day of May. Notice is hereby given that the follow-

such townships, to wit: Townships, 32 north, ranges 3, 4, 5, 7, 10 and 13 W., N. M. P. M.
Townships 33 north, ranges 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 W., N. M. P. M. Townships 34 north, ranges 2, 8, 9, 10 11 and 12 W. N. M. P. M. P. C PERRIES. Register

D. L. SHEETS, Receiver. The best wagon is the Baie. W. C. Chapman of Durango solis them.

The Durango Papers

George Cooper is up from Farmington. R. C. Prewitt of the Farmington Times and Janes A. Laughren, the energetic livery and hotel man arrived from Farm H. F. Tower at present residing in this ington last night and are strictly in line

peddlers contribute for the privilege it should be done. If an ordinance has should be done If an ordinance has sounty real estate at lowest rates of lot-been violated the full extent of the law erest. Call on or write, The Local Seshould be meted out.

the San Junu valleys."

He has seen the log cabins of the early settlers go up in smoke at the hands of the face-painted reds, and now shivers at the thought of it.

If there should be visitors who have a carriosty to investigate ancient ruins they should take in Artee. There the arter race flourished.

FARMINGTON, N. M., April 26

tion made to me in this time of my effliction, amounting to \$28.65 -\$23.90 in eash, \$4.75 in produce kindly delivered to me at my home the 25th loat, by MUON GRIPPIN.

Notice to Owners of Cattle.

In compliance with the provisions of so act in relation to brands, approved Feb. 160a, 1939, notice is hareby given that all brands in actual use must be filed to be re-recorded in the office of the Secretary of the Cattle Sanitary Board

The circular letter required by the for salesman, trotted out his thoroughred 1599, the register and receiver of said not, together with an application blank and office will be prepared to reseive and instruction, will be mained to every applications for the satry of lands in person in whose name a brand is now on record, whose postoffies addres is given; and will also be sent for distribution to county derks, postoffices, merchants, inspectors, etc., and will be furnished from the secretary's office on

> By order of the Board. J. A. LaRuz, Secretary. East Las Vegus, N. M.

Jub printing on tap at The Inner office heaps of it.

Quit Kicking!

Lunney or worse than lunney runs rempant in this region at times. Let a farmer plant a flaid of wheat where alf alfa blossoms once waved to the breeze, there is going to be an everproduction of grain and the cereal product won't bring enough muney to pay for the irrigating shovels. If the river rises an inch or so, there will be a flood sufficient to deluge the sternel bills; the waters recode a little faster than usual, and the river ingoing dry, the crops are going to parish, the sounter is going to the infernal howsenss and the people are "going south." Let the wind blow and DR. A. ROSENTRAL, a cyclone is coming; let it cease and an earthquake is due.

Every year that personial specter, the fruit killing from, stalks abroad on chilly nights and surdles the blood that presumably courses through the veins of the resident damphoole in the Animan DR. J. A. DUFF. valley. No amount of contrary expertance, an number of object lessons serve to dampen the ardor of the genus damphool as he grows in this county.

trees in San Jas - county orchards bud and bloom and y id in abundance their J. MILTON PALMER. offerings to Pomena, guddess of frui the grains and gusses, the vegetables and the varied products of field and farm are with farm exceptions as regular in their yield as the seasons in their coming. But all to no purpose. Some intermittent idiot gets it into his head E. S. WHITEHEAD, that the fruit crop is frosted, frozen and kertium nixed, and from his sulf-appointed vantage paints on the hill tops along the valleys he eries the "glad tidings of great joy" to all the world. These are not all local howlers, either. Durango has then, who are only too willing to echo all the tales of wee and weeping distorted imaginations can conjure- in fact, Durango is the storm conter and headquarters for this sizes of mourners. And so the word goes on its way and merrily gets in its annual work, F. C. PERKINS, that the apple crop and the peach crop and the pear and hum and apricot crops o San Juan county are a failure, a fearful, fionl failure, |

It is true that there have been instances here of fallure in some one or two varieties of fruit at different seasons, It is also true that San Juan county, like every other fruit producing country on earth, is liable to a complete or partial fariure of crops in the years to come. There is no mystery in this eircumstance and no reason for concealing it. When it his a beginn or shall occur, and prophering on any services in just a

be light. But one swallow does not make a spring, neither does one sapredustive tree make a universal grop failure nor one calamity howler make a

bad one and works immense harm to the county. Quit kicking, and look plessant.

Estray Notice. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned bus taken up the foll-wing described estray amount at his ranch, the miles east of Farmingion, viz.; One block mare, branded \$1 on left flank, about 15 years old, young solt by her side. FARMINOTON, N. M., April 26
Editor The Imper:
Please allow me space to express my beartfelt thanks to the people of the Le Plats for their very liberal contribution made to me in this time of my

West sub, April 21 1889

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Given under my hand sent seal this 6th day of March, A D 1889.
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